



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Guy GENTET et al.
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INTERNAL REINFORCING DEVICE
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2008 applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.